

York combined. Its wonderful fertile soil, its fine climate, its fruits, flowers and trees, its artesian waters, its wonderful resources in lead, zinc, granite, marble, gypsum, etc., were all dwelt upon, as was its great coal fields, its wonderful gas and oil field and its fine rivers.

Above all, he enlarged on the Oklahoma Constitution, establishing the Initiative and Referendum, the mandatory primary, the control of monopoly, the protection and safety of capital invested in legitimate enterprises, and the manner in which the constitution accomplished this. The immunity "bath" given to State witnesses, who are called upon to uncover crime or conspiracy, whether in civil or criminal cases, was pointed out as a step in advance of all present corrective legislation.

The speaker pointed out the evil effects of our present national laws, by which monopoly flourishes, as men, in spite of every modern advance, and modern opportunity, and modern invention, were not enjoying proportionately to their intelligence, industry and moral worth these opportunities of life.

He attacked the evils of the excessive accumulation of wealth in the few hands, and its crushing effects upon the weaker elements of the nation, and showed how the Oklahoma Constitution provided for the correction of these evils; provided for the rule of the intelligent masses of the people in their own behalf, controlling land monopoly, controlling the purity of the laws against the lobby, against corrupt practices and other evil agencies to entrench special interests. He pointed out emphatically that the criticisms against Oklahoma's constitution were utterly untrustworthy, and could be attributed to articles prepared in the interest of those who had been dealing unfairly with the body of the people.

Many facts presented in Senator Owen's speech caused considerable surprise, particularly the statement that Oklahoma today has a population greater than any of 26 States in the Union; also that this year it will deliver more petroleum than did the entire United States at the last census, and that pipe lines run direct from Oklahoma to New York and the Gulf of Mexico.